

**STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**May 13, 2015**

1. The Vice-Chair called to order the regular meeting of the State Codes and Standards Committee. The meeting was held in the conference room (room G38) at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

2. **In Attendance:**

- Carlton Smith, Vice-Chair
- John Butkus
- Paul Costello
- Thomas DiBlasi
- Donald Doeg
- Louis Free
- Robert Hanbury
- Donald Harwood
- George Iskra
- David McKinley
- Henry Miga
- Michael Musco
- Glenn Neilson
- Michael Nero
- Eric Shutt
- Michael Sinsigalli
- Fred Wajcs, Jr.
- William Zoeller

**Also Present:**

- Joseph Cassidy, OSBI
- Daniel Tierney, OSBI
- Terry Brouwer, OSFM
- Jenna Padula, DAS Legal
- Bruce Spiewak, AIA CT
- Timothy Baldwin, DDS

3. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

#### **4. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Correspondence from Melody Currey, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, re letter of appointment of Donald Doeg, Esquire, as a Public member effective April 13, 2015.** Donald Doeg was welcomed to the Codes and Standards Committee.
- b. **A-11-14. Correspondence re appeal of Harry Narine re Waterbury Fire Marshal's decision re 269 Wilson Street, Waterbury, CT. See section Appeal Hearings 8.e. On 4/13/15 brief received from appellant.**
- c. **C-1-15. Complaint request from Steven Edelman re CGS 29-262(d) petition re license revocation of Henry Miga. Motion made and seconded to table pending Legal Counsel's arrival. Motion carried.**
- d. **Correspondence received from Robert DeMarco, Stamford Building Official, re 2003 IBC, Section 909.20.6.1. A brief discussion was held regarding legal standing. Legal Counsel will draft response letter to Mr. DeMarco.**
- e. **A-13-14. Correspondence re appeal from Rocco Tirozzi, Esq., re State Fire Marshal's decision e FM-0399-14 re 315 York Street, West Haven, CT. See section Appeal Hearings 8.g. On 4/28/15 appellant withdrew appeal. Remove from agenda.**
- f. **A-11-14. Correspondence re appeal of Harry Narine re Waterbury Fire Marshal's decision re 269 Wilson Street, Waterbury, CT. See section Appeal Hearings 8.e. On 5/4/15 briefs received from Lt. Ballou, Waterbury Fire Department. On 5/11/15 panel member requested postponement of deliberations.**
- g. **A-3-15. Correspondence re appeal of Heather Van Deusen re Deputy State Building Inspector and Office of Protection and Advocacy's decision re W-78-14 re H.H. Ellis Technical High School, 613 Upper Maple Street, Danielson, CT. See section Appeal Hearings 8.j. On 5/11/15 additional information received from appellant.**
- h. **A-12-14. Correspondence received from James Roberts re appeal of Natalie Huey Min Lee re A) Norwich Building Official's decision and B) Norwich Fire Marshal's decision re 270 Broadway, Norwich, CT. See section Appeal Hearings 8.f. On 5/11/15 appellee requested postponement.**

**Motion was made and seconded to return to item 4.c. All in favor. Motion carried.**  
**4.c. C-1-15. Complaint request from Steven Edelman re CGS 29-262(d) petition re license revocation of Henry Miga. Refer to the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for investigation.**

## **5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a. Codes Amendment Subcommittee: (Free)**

This subcommittee met on April 8 and 22, 2015 and will meet today. There was no report.

### **b. Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee: (Harwood)**

There was no report.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no report.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **a. Staff Report**

OSFM reported that the Fire Prevention Code took effect on 5/6/15.

### **b. Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood)**

There was no report.

### **c. Joint Building Code Training Council (Musco)/ Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood)/ (aka Joint BCTC/FMTC) There was no report.**

### **d. Report on Bills**

**HB 5707** - Joe Cassidy advised that HB 5707 regarding disconnects to solar panels was still pending.

**HB 6972** - Joe Cassidy advised that this is regarding C&S membership and was still pending.

**HB 5107**- Joe Cassidy advised the NEC proposal was referred to the Appropriations committee and did not make it out of committee.

## 8. APPEAL HEARINGS

- a. **A-4-10. Appeal from Steven Edelman re Windham Building Official's decision re 202 Scotland Road, Windham, CT.** John Butkus, Louis Free, Robert Hanbury, Donald Harwood, Michael Musco, Glenn Neilson and Marjorie Shansky are recused. On June 21, 2010 a postponement was granted as a result of appellant's request for a stay of the proceedings. On January 24, 2013 correspondence received from appellant. On January 24, 2013 correspondence received from appellant. On March 21, 2013 referred to legal counsel. On 6/3/14 certified letter sent to appellant requesting status of appeal and to respond in writing by 6/17/14. On 6/12/14 correspondence received from appellant advising he wished to pursue this appeal. **Panel consists of Michael Sinsigalli, Panel Chair; George Iskra and William Zoeller.** Hearing set for November 12, 2014 was not held; on 11/10/14 appellant requested postponement. Hearing was held on February 4, 2015. **Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by 5/4/15]. Decision was sent out on 5/12/15. Remove from agenda.**
  
- b. **A-28-11. Appeal from Steven Edelman re Acting State Building Inspector's decision re 29-252(d) re Town of Windham Building permit application re 202 Scotland Road, Windham, CT.** John Butkus, Louis Free, Robert Hanbury, Donald Harwood, Michael Musco, Glenn Neilson and Marjorie Shansky are recused. **Panel consists of Henry Miga, Panel Chair; Anthony Bruno and George Iskra. David McKinley will be the alternate.** Panel will review 29-252(d) as it applies to this appeal. If panel determines aggrievement, then appeal hearing may immediately follow to consider the merits of this appeal. Hearing set for June 16, 2014, was not held; on 6/12/14 appellant requested postponement. Aggrievement hearing set for November 12, 2014 was not held; on 11/10/14 appellant requested postponement. Hearing was held and closed on February 4, 2015. The parties were given 7 working days [until February 17, 2015] to submit briefs. **On 2/17/15 received Motion for Continuance and CGS 29-262(d) Petition from appellant. Deliberations were held on 4/8/15. Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by 7/8/15]. Hold on agenda.**
  
- c. **A-8-14. Appeal from Joe Asklar re State Building Inspector's decision re 350/356 North Main Street, Marlborough, CT.** Panel consists of Henry Miga, Panel Chair; William Zoeller and George Iskra. Thomas DiBlasi will be the alternate. Hearing was set for Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 11:00 in room G38. On 9/2/14 correspondence received from appellant requesting postponement; Lawrence Stannard, Marlborough Building Official, granted appellant a 30 day extension (until 10/8/14). Hearing was held on November 12, 2014. **Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by 2/12/15.] Hold on agenda.**

- d. **A-10-14. Appeal from Bruce Spiewak re State Fire Marshal's decision re FM-0263-14 re Sandy Hook School, Building 2, 12 Dickinson Drive, Newtown, CT. Appeal panel was not set. On 10/8/14 appellant requested appeal be tabled until the November meeting. On 12/10/14 appellant requested this appeal be postponed until a draft determination is made by the Codes Amendment Subcommittee re what parts of Chapter 10 (Fire Code and Building Code) will be recommended for approval. Reason for modification denial stated in part that, "C&S had not addressed that section of the code yet." Hold on agenda.**
- e. **A-11-14. Appeal from Harry Narine re Waterbury Fire Marshal's decision re 269 Wilson Street, Waterbury, CT. Panel consists of Michael Sinsigalli, Panel Chair; Anthony Bruno and Donald Harwood. Fred Wajcs, Jr. will be the alternate. On 11/18/14 forwarded to the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for review. On 11/19/14 additional information received from appellant. On 12/9/14 correspondence received from Chuck Kiessling, OSFM, requesting appeal be tabled for 30 days [until January 14, 2015]. On 2/9/15 correspondence received from Chuck Kiessling, OSFM. On 3/4/15 correspondence received from Chuck Kiessling, OSFM, indicating appellant wishes to pursue the appeal. There may be a timeliness issue related to this appeal. If good cause is shown, then an appeal hearing may immediately follow. Timeliness and appeal hearing were held on April 8, 2015. On 4/9/15 certified letter sent to appellant advising that briefs are to be filed by 5/6/15. On 4/13/15 briefs received from appellant. On 5/4/15 briefs received from Lt. Ballou, Waterbury Fire Department. Deliberations set for, 5/13/15 were postponed; on 5/11/15 panel member requested deliberations be postponed due to schedule conflict. Deliberations set for Wednesday, 6/10/15 at 12:00 in G38.**
- f. **A-12-14 (A&B). Request for appeal from Natalie Huey Min Lee re**  
**A) Norwich Building Official and**  
**B) Norwich Fire Marshal decisions re 270 Broadway, Norwich, CT**  
**Panel consists of Keith Flood, Panel Chair; \*David McKinley and Henry Miga. Paul Costello will be the alternate. \*Due to schedule conflict on 6/10/15, Paul Costello will serve and David McKinley will be the alternate. On 1/9/15 appellant requested postponement pending review from her consultant. On 2/24/15 certified letter sent to appellant requesting her to respond, in writing by 3/9/15, clearly stating what issues she is appealing. On 2/11/15 correspondence received from appellant providing additional information and advising she no longer has a consultant. On 2/24/15 certified letter sent to appellant requesting clarification of what she is appealing and to respond in writing by 3/9/15. On 3/9/15 additional information and correspondence received from appellant. There may be an issue of timeliness re A-12-14(B). On 3/16/15 appellant's code change proposal was forwarded to the Codes Amendment Subcommittee. On 3/11/15 additional information received from appellant. The hearing set for 5/13/15 was rescheduled to 5/15/15 due to schedule conflict of a panel member. On 5/11/15 appellee, James Roberts,**

**requested postponement of the hearing set for 5/15/15. Hearing was rescheduled to Wednesday, 6/10/15 at 9:30 a.m. in room G38. Hold on agenda.**

- g. A-13-14. Request for appeal from Rocco Tirozzi, Esquire, re State Fire Marshal's decision re 315 York Street, West Haven, CT. Keith Flood is recused. Panel consists of Michael Sinsigalli, Panel Chair; George Iskra and Henry Miga. John Butkus will be the alternate. Hearing set for February 4, 2015, was postponed; on 1/23/15 correspondence received from appellant requesting postponement. On 4/8/15 Keith Flood advised this was resolved. On 4/17/15 certified letter sent to appellant requesting status of appeal and to respond in writing by 5/4/15. On 4/28/15 appellant withdrew appeal. Remove from agenda.**
- h. A-1-15. Request for appeal from Alfred Xhuti re Waterbury Fire Marshal's decision re 359-361 Highland Avenue, Waterbury, CT. No panel was set. On 2/4/15 additional information received from appellant. On 2/11/15 referred to the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). Send status letter to OSFM.**
- i. A-2-15. Request for appeal from Max Case, Esq., re Milford Building Official's decision re 354 Woodmont Road, Unit 3 & 4, Milford, CT. Panel consists of Glenn Neilson, Panel Chair; Louis Free and Fred Wajcs, Jr. Carlton Smith will be the alternate. Hearing set for March 11, 2015 was not held; on 2/23/15 appellant requested postponement. On 3/4/15 correspondence received from Attorney Jonathan Berchem, Milford City Attorney, requesting file copies. Hearing was rescheduled and held on 4/8/15. Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by 7/8/15]. Hold on agenda.**
- j. A-3-15. Request for appeal from Heather Van Deusen re Office of State Building Inspector and Office of Protection and Advocacy's decision re W-78-14 re H. H. Ellis Technical High School, 613 Upper Maple Street, Danielson, CT. Panel consists of John Butkus, Panel Chair; Louis Free and Robert Hanbury. Fred Wajcs, Jr. will be the alternate. On 3/24/15 additional information received from appellant. On 5/11/15 additional information received from appellant. Hearing held on 5/13/15. Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by 8/13/15.]**
- k. A-4-15. Request for appeal from William Letson re State Fire Marshal's decision re FM-0046-15 re Voluntown Elementary School, 195 Main St., Voluntown, CT. Panel consists of Donald Harwood, Panel Chair; Michael Sinsigalli and Carlton Smith. Louis Free will be the alternate. On 3/11/15 correspondence received from appellant. Hearing set for 5/13/15 was postponed due to schedule conflict of panel member. Hearing was rescheduled for Wednesday, 6/10/15 at 11:00 a.m. in room G38. Hold on agenda.**

**9. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Donald Doeg thanked the Committee for the opportunity to serve with them and gave a brief history of his background.

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **June 10, 2015** and will be held in conference room **G38**, at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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David McKinley, Secretary